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## Mrs. Elizabeth Scobee Crosses Great Divide

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Scobee, widow of the late Sandy Scobee, who 10 years ago entered on rest, departed this life in the afternoon of Christmas Day, aged 72 years. She is survived by two children, Sam Scobee, of Louisville, and Mrs. N. T. Benton, of this city, and four grandchildren. Mrs. Scobee was of the Christian Science faith with membership at Winchester. Her body was taken to Winchester Monday, where, after a funeral service conducted at the grave by Mrs. Charles Duty, was buried in the Winchester Cemetery. Until eleven years ago Mrs. Scobee had lived in this county. She went to Winchester to be with her daughter and returned to this city a few months ago with her and died at her home in this county. Mrs. Scobee was best known as a friend and a neighbor. She had few if any superiors. To her family she was the real mother, a mother that shared in joys and sympathized in sorrows. She knew how and did extend the helping hand, and though her life was not for show, the world has been made the better by her living in it.

## Billy Hutton Hurt In Serious Accident

Billy Hutton, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hutton, of Cincinnati, and grandson of Mrs. Thomas Johnson, of this city, was badly hurt in an accident which occurred in Cincinnati Sunday. Young Hutton, with a party of friends, was coasting on a hill near his home when a big sled ran into him and threw him violently to the ground. His leg and head were badly cut and several stitches were required to close the wounds. He was taken to the Jewish Hospital for surgical attention and is now resting comfortably, according to a message received here today.

### MARRY IN HUNTINGTON

Miss Oma Wanda Denton, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Mildred Denton, of Cincinnati, was married in Huntington, W. Va., on Christmas Day to Mr. Louis P. Brown. Miss Denton is a valued employee of the C. & O. Railroad, holding a splendid position in the Huntington offices. Mr. Brown is a merchant and prominent in business and social circles in that city.

### MOVING

Clarence Barnes and family are moving from Winn street to Mrs. Bessie Wilson's flat on Maysville street.

Thomas Triplett and family are moving into the residence property on Winn street recently purchased by him.

The building, corner of Main and Locust streets, occupied by Cravens & Turpin, will be vacated January 1st.

### A YOUNGSTER SPOKE

Tommie, can you tell me when Columbus discovered America.

Well, no, says Tommie, what do those figures, 1492, stand for? I thought they were his telephone number.

## Shelby Thompson Dies In Arizona

Shelby Thompson, aged 18 years, son of the late James E. Thompson, and Mrs. Nannie Thompson, who was with him, died on Friday evening at Tucson, Arizona, where he had gone with his mother and three brothers, Robert, Howard and Earl, hoping that the white plague that held him in its grasp, would be released, but all efforts failed, and death was inevitable. Besides his mother and brothers named he is survived by Mrs. Claude Dunavent and Miss Fannie Thompson, of this city, and Mrs. Frankie Braden, of Ogden, Utah. For a period Shelby was an employe of this office and it is not amiss to say he was a good boy and performed his duties well. His character was, as we know him, spotless and his heart was the kind that beats in sympathy and love for all mankind. We knew him in the Sunday school and we believe he had that faith that saves the soul. His was a short life, but here and there are footprints, a guide to those who would live for others and attain to that future where bliss and joys are vouchsafed to those of the faith. We are grieved on account of his death and sympathize with those in sorrow.

## Young Couple Marry

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, age 18, and Carroll Frogge, 21, well known and popular young people of this city, were quietly married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. C. Goldsmith at the Baptist parsonage. The ceremony was witnessed by the family and a few close friends of the contracting parties. The bride has been in the employ of the Cumberland Telephone Co. for the past few years and is regarded as one of the most efficient and accommodating operators. Mr. Frogge is a successful young farmer. After a short honeymoon trip the couple will return to this city to make their home.

## Christmas Tree

Manager W. B. Small played Santa Claus on Christmas morning, presiding over a Christmas tree in the lobby of the Tabb Theatre, and having for his guests the employees of the theatre and the Annex. At one end of the lobby, which was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, stood the tree, all ablaze with colored lights and laden with gifts for each guest present.

### DROPS DEAD

Charley Williams, well known and highly respected colored citizen of this county, died of heart failure on the streets of this city Friday morning. He had come to town to do some Christmas shopping when he was stricken. He is survived by a wife and several children.

### STRAYED OR STOLEN

Three yearling cattle, branded on left hip with "W." Weight about 750 pounds. Reward offered for correct information leading to their recovery.

### REZIN OWINGS.

FOR RENT—Two rooms with privilege of bath. Call 811. 22-1f

## DON'T BACK UP! GO AHEAD!

That is the slogan for business to adopt. When the panic of 1907 was at its worst a great American publisher gathered about him for consultation the heads of departments, the editors and others in authority, and held a conference over the situation which confronted them.

One after another told how they could economize here and there, how they could save thousands in one item and tens of thousands in another direction. The meeting became quite a contest between the various departments and activities to see which could win the prize.

When all were through the "big boss" himself arose and said: "Gentlemen, you are very bright. You have remarkable talents in the line of parsimony. But we are here not to discover how to back up, but how to go ahead. We are confronted with a calamity, but with an opportunity. We shall allocate a quarter of a million dollars for the launching of the biggest advertising campaign we have ever had. It will hearten other business men, it will place us where we can take the tide at its full when it turns, as it will, and we are not going to economize anywhere."

No sounder philosophy was ever spoken. This is America. It is still virgin, still like a freshly-discovered continent, her wealth almost untouched. It is the land of expansion, of limitless development, of undreamed possibilities. It is the end of the rainbow of human hope, the country of the pot of gold.

Harriman, Hill, and all the other great empire builders wrought their schemes on a colossal scale and anticipated a golden future because they had the American vision and the American spirit.

Rapid deflation has cut production, strained credit, entailed losses, and frightened the timid. But there was never such an opportunity for the business man possessed of real sagacity, rational courage and abiding faith in this country. It is the very time when plants should be re-equipped or extended; when municipal buildings, depots, schools, good roads, new trackage, better transportation facilities, new homes and whatever the country needs for a high-tide of prosperity should be provided. The very act of going head starts the whole economic machinery to moving, and it will gain momentum as it goes.

The way to do things is to do them. Folding the hands and talking about the factors which produced the condition complained of, and the forces necessary to overcome the inertia, can have no good results.

"We are facing, not a calamity, but an opportunity." Instead of backing up, let's go ahead. Push the clouds away. They are for the most part cobwebs on the brain.—Exchange.

## Veteran Railroad Man Dies of Infirmities

Captain J. O. Woods, veteran railroad man, died Monday morning at 11 o'clock at his home on East Main street, following a several weeks' illness of diabetes and complications. He was 73 years of age and had been employed by the C. & O. Railroad for 40 years. At the time of his death he was guard at the crossing on the Spencer pike. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. John Maher, of this city, and Mrs. Jess Parks, of Middletown, Ohio, and two sons, John and Robert Woods, of Bath county. The funeral services and burial took place this afternoon at the grave in Machpelah Cemetery, and were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Goldsmith. Captain Woods was one of the best known and best liked men in this city and his scores of friends will learn of his death with much sorrow.

### LEASES STABLE

Curtis Hollon, of Camargo, has leased the livery stable property on Bank street from Henry Judy and will engage in the livery business in this city. W. C. Hedrick, who has been at this place, will move to the Thompson property on Maysville street opposite the Ragan-Gay Motor Co., and will conduct a taxi cab stand in connection with his stable.

### DANCE

The dance to be given tonight by the Sterling Dancing Club at Trimble Hall promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the club. The dance hall has been beautifully decorated for the occasion and Smith's famous orchestra, Lexington, will furnish the music. Scores of beaux and belles from over the state will be in attendance.

### NEW AUCTIONEER

Clayton Howell will return from Chicago within the next few days, where he has been taking a course in auctioneering and will be prepared to cry sales of every description, and in a manner to secure the highest dollar. (22-21)

## The Persistent American Farmer

The American farmer is the most persistent fellow in the world as well as indefatigable. We know what he has done to agriculture in this country. Now he is proceeding to put him over in Alaska—Alaska, where farming was supposed next to impossible except in a very small and weak way.

Already the Matanuska and Tanana districts are furnishing practically all the vegetables required for local consumption. Forage for horse and cattle is being grown and even wheat, the maturing of which was at one time thought impossible, is through the efforts of the agricultural stations now a regular crop.

Fairbanks has the first flour mill to be built in the territory, and it is expected that it will be only a few years before that district will be supplying the whole of the interior and the towns along the line of the government railroad with flour.

The average yield of wheat at Fairbanks is 19.6 bushels to the acre. The farmers there are commencing to organize for the purpose of co-operation in buying machinery and equipment. The livestock industry has hardly progressed beyond the demands for dairy products, but eventually beef cattle will be grown in many parts of the territory.

### FOR SALE

At A Bargain—One Automatic Shotgun, good as new, perfect condition; also one double-barrel shotgun, used one season. Apply at the Advocate Office.

All a wife needs to know, in order to keep up a flowing conversation with her husband, is enough to ask a question at the start and to burst into appropriate applause at the finish.

WANTED To buy—Two good saddle mares from 4 to 8 years old. W. E. BEAN.

Eve had as much choice in the matter of a husband as any other woman. She merely accepted what fate sent her, and pretended to have gotten her "ideal."

## All the Big Tobacco Houses Represented

The local tobacco market will open on January 4th and the warehouses are now receiving tobacco for the opening sales. Much of the weed is now being brought in and the floors of each of the warehouses will be full on opening day of tobacco of medium grades. All the big manufacturers will be represented on the Mt. Sterling market. J. R. Faulkner will buy for the R. J. Reynolds Co., S. V. Daniels for Liggett & Myers, Jess Williams for the P. Lorillard Company, G. O. Tuck for the American Tobacco Company, the J. M. Edmunds Co., and the Winston-Salem Leaf Tobacco Company; Charles Stewart will buy for the Petty Company and J. M. Venable for himself. Many independent buyers will be on the local brakes, and the J. P. Taylor Company will have a buyer on the market who will be named later. The presence of the above named buyers representing these big manufacturers insures the prices on the Mt. Sterling market to equal any in the state.

## Drawing Contest A Big Success

The drawing contest at the Tabb Theatre Christmas night proved quite a success and the largest crowd ever in attendance at this popular playhouse was present and the street was lined with persons eager to gain admission for almost a block. The winners were as follows: One year's free ticket—Earl Sexton; six months' free ticket—Miss Rose Scott, of Sharpsburg; three months' free ticket—Mrs. Frank Boyd.

The Tabb has an unusual program for the remainder of the week and it is quite likely capacity houses will be in attendance each evening. Under the management of Mr. Wm. B. Small, the popularity of the Tabb continues to grow and due to his tireless work this theatre is enjoying the largest patronage in its history.

## To Manage Newspaper

Ben W. Cox, of his city, has accepted a position as general manager of the Cedar Valley Times, a daily newspaper published at Vinton, Iowa. Mr. Cox has had much experience in the newspaper business, is a competent and industrious worker and will no doubt make a big success in his new venture. He will take charge of the paper about the middle of January, he and Mrs. Cox leaving on January 10th for their new home.

### SERIOUSLY ILL

William Dailey has been in declining health for some time and was yesterday removed to a hospital in Covington for treatment. His sister, Miss Ellen Dailey is with him.

Once upon a time there was a man who had no secrets from his wife. He was a bachelor.

## Mrs. Alvin Ratliff Sinks to Final

The news received here this morning announcing the death of Lida May Ratliff, aged 35 years, wife of Alvin Ratliff, has cast a gloom over the entire city. She came at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Lexington at 4 o'clock morning where she was removed yesterday after her condition had continued to grow worse for the past several days, death being caused by septic poisoning. Mrs. Ratliff was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason T. Botts, of this city, and was one of the most lovely and attractive young matrons it had ever been our pleasure to know. Besides her husband, Alvin T. Ratliff, of Lexington, she is survived by two children, Burns, aged 10 years, and a little daughter, Margaret Robertson, aged 10 days. Also surviving are three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Albert Trimble, of North Middletown; Mrs. George Schnepf, of Louisville; Mrs. Ralph Greene, of this city; Seth Botts, of Winchester, and Albert Botts, of the county.

The sad departure of this lovely Christian woman from the surroundings of this earth will sadden many a loving heart and the tear-dimmed eye of many friends will be slow to dry. A woman who loved her family, her home, her church, her neighbors, and all that stands for the betterment of civilization. It was as a neighbor she was known to the writer, and as such we are here to say, a kinder or more thoughtful woman never breathed, and with her heart-broken family and dearest friends—we mourn.

It was only a few months ago her husband removed to Lexington and had recently purchased a home where the happy family was soon to be reunited, and although it seems sad indeed that she should be called at this time, just in the dawn of mature womanhood, just at the time when, as it seemed, she had much to live for, that the Master touched her—and she now is truly "asleep in Jesus." May the same infinite hand touch the heart of her loved ones and bring them surcease from their sorrow.

She was a consecrated member of the local Christian church and her church life, as was her home life, was one worthy of emulation, and while in her passing earth will be deprived of one of her purest and noblest young mothers. Heaven will be enriched a thousand fold, and may God in His infinite wisdom lay His hand on the two dear little children whose mother has been called Home and lead them in paths such as were trod by her.

The remains arrived in this city at noon today and the funeral will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Clyde Darsie, with interment in Machpelah Cemetery.

### FOR SALE

One fox-bred rabbit hound—best to be found anywhere. Apply at the Advocate Office.

## NOTICE

Your occupation tax for the year 1921 is now due. Call at my office and secure your license without further notice.

M. C. AYRES, City Clerk

To our patrons and friends who have been so liberal with us during the past year we desire to extend our heartiest thanks and wish for one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LAND & PRIEST  
DRUGGISTS